GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Import/Export of Milk and Milk Products
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export and import of milk and milk products depend on certain factors and these factors are causing decline in the export of milk and milk products and enhancing their imports;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has identified these factors and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to address the said factors?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a & b): The export and import of any agricultural commodity including milk &milk Products, depends upon several factors such as demand, supply, prices (both domestic and international), quality and availability of specific varieties. The year-wise export-import details of milk &milk products during last three years is as under:-
Quantity in MT
Value in US$ million

	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17(Apr-Aug)	
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
Export	1,59,228	546.16	66,424	198.01	33,377	115.09	15,971	54.92
Import	9,916	35.19	11,901	46.37	16,986	49.09	6,225	14.32

Source : DGCIS, annual data

(c): India is the largest producer as well as consumer of milk in the world, achieving an annual output of 146.31 million tonnes during 2014-15. However, among other things, due to high domestic prices, India is not able to compete in the global market.

(d): Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority(APEDA), under the administrative control of Department of Commerce, provides assistance to its registered exporters including the exporters of milk and milk products under 'Agricultural Export Promotion Scheme'. DGFT vide public Notice No. 32/2015-16 dated 22.09.2016 has revised the MEIS rates from 2% to 5% for butter, ghee and processed cheese.
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